

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	August 9, 2004
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Bill Reisinger, Nawal Stanojevic, Kayci Nguyen
Staff: Vice-Mayor Dixon, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Larry Litchford, Fred Zeise, Rene Briones, Miljon Buqing

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bill Reisinger shared his vacation bicycling throughout Italy and France.

Commissioner Stanojevic had no announcements.

Vice-Mayor Dixon announced the following items:

- Highlighted the August 7 VTA Board Meeting regarding the Grand Jury report
- Suggested as a topic a recommendation to the Grand Jury in regards to their charges to the VTA. Chair Don Gage is talking with other members from the West Side of the County to make Milpitas the “end-of-the-line” of the BART station, without consultation.

New Commissioner Kayci Nguyen shared with the Commission her background. Commissioner Nguyen has lived in Milpitas since 1994. She has a Biology background but works in Graphic Design/Web design. Big bicycling communities have surrounded Commissioner Nguyen as she grew up in Vietnam and graduated from UC Davis. Commissioner Nguyen feels Milpitas is a great place; she sees all the bike paths, and supports Bike to Work Day is a great idea. She wants to get people to get involved and educate people on air quality.

Staff Janice Nadal distributed a flier from the City of San Jose. The Guadalupe River Trail meeting will be held on August 18, 2004.

Staff Joe Oliva attended the ITE Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. There were a lot of sessions that involved Bicycle and pedestrian safety. In Florida, they are slowly coming around to the bicycle community. They cater to the automobile and golf carts. They have state roads accommodating more bicycle lanes. There were also presentations from various state department of transportations (DOTs) on what they are doing around the community. It appears that the bicycle friendly environment is progressing throughout the nation.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the August 9, 2004 agenda

M/S: Stanojevic/Nguyen All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of June 14, 2004, with changes

M/S: Stanojevic/Nguyen All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no citizens present at this meeting.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Piedmont Road Bicycle Lane Closure

Staff Janice Nadal reported from last meeting, the Piedmont Road Bicycle Lane Closure. A map was distributed to show the detours. The closure will occur between Yosemite Drive and Landess on Piedmont Road. Closure will begin October 1.

At the last meeting, Commissioner Zeise wanted to know why there is a closure. Miss Nadal distributed the information letter that will be sent to residents in the area. The reason for closure is to replace a 6-foot circular pipe that has become elliptical from the hill slides over time.

Union Pacific (UP) Pedestrian Overcrossing Update

The Commission reviewed a map from the consultants of all the alternatives that were explored for the overcrossing. The City started north near Curtis Court and worked it's way down south. The most recent option is closer to Lifescan (Bedford Properties) and proceeding closer near the Marshall's on the Great Mall of the Bay Area side.

Staff would like to move forward and have engineering staff present at the next meeting to get your input.

Vice-Mayor Dixon shared that staff will be working on a Transit Area Plan to control the growth in the area and the overcrossing would be helpful.

Staff will be reviewing the newest revision with the affected businesses for approval. Engineering staff will be at the next BTAC meeting to present project updates

In terms of the Great Mall Light Rail and relocated transit center, Vice Mayor Dixon reported ridership has increased the last two months from a year ago this time.

The next steps are the feasibility stage, and then move forward to the environmental stage.

Chair Reisinger asked what's happening behind the Milpitas Town Center with the bridge behind the creek. Currently, the water district is working on

the channel for flood control purposes

Joint Milpitas/Fremont Bicycle Projects- Hetch Hetchy bicycle/ped trail and Fremont Blvd./trail connection to Dixon Landing Road

Staff extended an invitation to the Fremont Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee (BPTAC) and staff for a joint meeting to discuss connection between Fremont and Milpitas, but they are unable to come due to lack of resources. Possibly, the BTAC chair and staff could meet with *their* commission. Chair Reisinger is amenable to attending Fremont's meeting.

Fremont BPTAC has extended an invitation to attend the public meeting on the Fremont Bicycle Master Plan, which would include the Hetch Hetchy connection. The first meeting is September 15. Chair Reisinger said he will be present and the meeting. Staff will confirm and forward information on the meeting.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Chair Reisinger stated at Great Mall/Tasman over I-880, where the asphalt meets the concrete, there is separation. Since many bicyclists use the Great Mall/Tasman corridor there should be attention paid to the uneven pavement to prevent accidents.

Mr. Oliva said there is some work on the braided ramp for the 237/880 Stage C Reconstruction project. The City is currently compiling a list of damages during the construction for this project. Staff will forward this information to the Public Works department and to the VTA.

Chair Reisinger also stated the pedestrian undercrossing to Curtner School (275 Redwood Avenue) from Abel Street has debris and request staff to forward this information to Public Works to maintain before the beginning of the school year.

Chair Reisinger questioned the soundwall activity on I-680 from Jacklin Road to Calaveras Boulevard. Staff reported the soundwall will be replaced as part of improvements to the I-680 project. The Sunnyhills area currently does not have funding to replace the soundwalls.

Staff is working on funding for the 237/880 landscaping.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

BIKE MAP ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE UPDATE

Ms. Nadal updated that Alan Rich, Geographic Information Services Manager, with the City's Information Services Department, is still working on the website. He is still welcoming suggestions and would like to attend the next BTAC meeting if possible.

Chair clicked on 511.org and was unable to access bicycle maps.

Milpitas Art and Wine Festival, August 21 & 22

Chair requested volunteers to help at the bicycle corral for the art & wine festival. Staff will email other BTAC members for participation and provide Milpitas Bicycle Map to Chair Reisinger for distribution at the event.

Suggested Routes to School/International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is October 6, 2004. More information will follow. Staff will be distributing prizes to the elementary schools the morning of the event. Walkability Checklists are sent to students to inform City staff with improvements around their neighborhood that mainly targets pedestrian and bicycle paths.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects

Miss Nadal reported at the last meeting, Commissioner Briones mentioned helmet safety and doing some type of outreach to the schools. This was put on the agenda to revisit it. Outreach might be late in scheduling something for the beginning of the school year. Some ideas were back to school night and helmet safety.

Commissioner Stanojevic mentioned a good time to send literature home for the next school year is June/July. Information can also be in the City newsletter for October. Other ideas are to do some outreach before school ends and to coordinate with May's Bike to Work month. This would give the commission more time to plan an event.

Chair Reisinger requested to keep this item on the agenda and the commission will begin to formulate actual projects to implement.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Nguyen All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Vice-Mayor Dixon

No Assignments

Chair Reisinger

Attend the Art and Wine Festival Bicycle Corrale

**Janice Nadal/
Joe Oliva:**

Forward Great Mall/Tasman Corridor bicycle hazard to Public Works
Department or the VTA

Forward Bicycle Maps to Chair Reisinger for the Art and Wine Festival.